

# COWBOY COLLECTIVE

# COWBOY JAIL!

**“A Cautionary Tale” written by OWEN EARL**

SONGS OF THE COWBOY

VOLUME 01 | SONG 03



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"A Cautionary Tale"

Music by OWEN EARL

INTRO/OUTRO, Slow.

Em D/F#

*mf*

Gath-er 'round folks let me tell you the  
Let this be a caution-ary

3

G G Em

tail of a boy named joh-ny went to  
tail don't wind up in

6

Em Bm E Fine

cow — boy jail  
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The musical score is written for a single melodic instrument (likely guitar or piano) and voice. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and consists of three systems of music. The first system is the Intro/Outro, marked 'Slow' and 'mf'. It begins in 4/4 time, then changes to 2/4, and returns to 4/4. The lyrics are 'Gath-er 'round folks let me tell you the / Let this be a caution-ary'. The second system starts at measure 3 and continues in 4/4 time, with lyrics 'tail of a boy named joh-ny went to / tail don't wind up in'. The third system starts at measure 6 and continues in 2/4 time, with lyrics 'cow — boy jail / cow — boy jail'. The piece ends with a 'Fine' marking. Chord markings (Em, D/F#, G, Bm, E) are placed above the staff. The piano accompaniment is indicated by 'mf' and consists of block chords and simple harmonic lines.

8 VERSE, Fast

Em Em D/F#

Joh - ny was a hard wor - kin' cow - boy  
 Joh - ny's girl was sick and the doctor wanted  
 Joh - ny was a gonna rob the biggest bank in

10

G G Em

man with a woman he loved and a  
 gold but they didn't make enough from the  
 town so he waited 'till dusk then he

13

Em Bm Em

cow - boy plan  
 cattle they sold  
 came a - round

16 CHORUS  
Am

Joh - ny ne - ver thought his plan would

18 Em Am

fail but it did and that's why

21 C B D.C. al Fine

he's in cow-boy jail